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PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any programmes for children in conflict with law and in need of protection and care;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any awareness programmes for the community at large are developed for realizing the rights of the child enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The programmes for children in conflict with law and in need of care and protection being dealt with by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment are detailed hereunder:

(i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice: This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme underwhich matching financial assistance is provided to the State Government/Union territories for rehabilitation of children in conflict with law and in need of care and protection.

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children: This is a Central Sector Schemeunder which financial assistance is provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations running projects for children without home and family ties in need of care and protection

(c) and (d) For realizing the rights of child enshrined in the United Nations Convention on theRights of Child, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has initiated a campaign namely, `The National Initiative for Child Protection` (NICP) through theNational Institute of Social Defiance (NISD) and Childline India Foundation (CIF). NICP aims at building partnership with allied systems such as the Police, health care system, the judicial system especially juvenile justice system, the education system, the transport system, the Labour Department, the media and the Departmentof Telecommunications. The NICP aims at sensitizing and training people who work within the allied systems for creating awareness regarding special needs of children.